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SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF CONFISCATED ITEMS TO AMCITS

REF: STATE 178507; MOSCOW 10577

1. PURSUANT PARA 2 (B) STATE REFTEL, EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPT CLEARANCE TO FORWARD BY POUCH FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS CONFISCATED BY SOVIET CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES FROM AMERICAN CITIZENS.

A. SIX-PIECE BRASS DESK SET, CONSISTING OF BROKEN LETTER OPENER, INK WELL PEN HOLDER, TWO CANDLESTICKS, BLOTTER HOLDER AND MATCH BOX HOLDER, CONFISCATED FROM SHELDON KATZ, 87 MILL ROAD, WESTHAMPTON BEACH, NY 11978 (TEL 516-288-1970) SEPTEMBER 4, 1973 AT SHEREMETYEVO AIRPORT MOSCOW. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: OTIS PIKE.

B. TWO SMALL ICONS, CLAFISCATED FROM ZINAIDA OLENICOFF, C/O IGOR OLENICOFF, 3834 ALOHA DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90027, SEPTEMBER 2, 1972, AT VYBORG RAILROAD CUSTOMS POINT.

2. SOVIET CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AGREED TO RELEASE BOTH ITEMS AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICERS. DESK SET WAS RELEASED BECAUSE SOVIETS CONCURRED IT WAS INEQUITABLE TO CONFISCATE ITEM PURCHASED AT SOVIET STORE ON INTOURIST GUIDE ASSURANCE ITEM COULD BE EXPORTED. ICONS WERE RETURNED BECAUSE EMBASSY PROVED THEY HAD BEEN BOUGHT INTO USSR BY AMCIT FROM WHOM CONFISCATED. NEITHER DESK SET NOR TWO ICONS HAVE SUBSTANTIAL INTRINSIC VALUE.

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3. ON RECEIPT OF CLEARANCE, EMBASSY WILL FORWARD TO

DEPT PER PARA C REFTTEL. IF DEPT HAS FURTHER QUESTIONS
ABOUT ORIGIN OF ITEMS IT MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH OWNERS.
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